THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

WRIT PETITION NO : 17870 of 2005

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FRIDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

Between:

Kudipudi Satyanarayana, S/o. Appa Rao,
R/o. Bhimavaram, Bhimavaram Mandal, West Godavari District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada Urban, Krishna District
2 The Superintendent of Police, Machilipatnam Rural (Bandar),
3 The Superintendent of Police, Eluru, West Godavari District.
4 The Sub-Divisional Police, Kovvur, West Godavari District.
5 The Circle Inspector of Police, Nidadavolu, West Godavari District.
6 The Sub Inspector of Police, Chagallu, West Godavari Ditrict.

.....RESPONDENTS

The Court, at the stage of admission, made the following:

Oral order:-

The petitioner states that he ekes out his livelihood by arranging skill games such as ring throw; ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., as a mobile vendor. He states, that these games involve skill and are thus excluded from the ambit of A.P. Gaming Act, 1974 (for short 'the Act') *qua* Section 15 of the Act. He also asserts that he is not indulging in any other activities prohibited either under the Act or any other legislation. Yet, the petitioner complains, the officials of the respondents are interfering with the petitioner's legitimate activities and not permitting him to pursue his business of skill games. In the circumstances, the writ petition is filed for appropriate relief.

Learned Government Pleader for Home concedes the legal position that the respondents are not entitled to interfere in any legitimate activity of a citizen, including the petitioner, in respect of exhibition of skill games such as ring throw, ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., which are games of skills.

In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents not to interfere with the legitimate business of the petitioner. No costs.

GODA RAGHURAM, J

Dated: 12-08-2005

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